

CHAPTER 1 SECTION 22.6

ELECTROENCEPHALOGRAPHIC (EEG) VIDEO MONITORING

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I. PROCEDURE CODE RANGE

95951

II. DESCRIPTION

EEG video monitoring is the simultaneous documentation of the clinical and electroencephalographic manifestations of seizures. With this type of monitoring, the EEG is displayed on a video screen with the face and whole body views of the patient. This technique allows correlation of the electrical and clinical manifestations of a seizure. Patient monitoring areas are usually dedicated recording suites located in hospitals or specialized epilepsy centers. EEG video monitoring is performed on both an inpatient or outpatient basis.

III. POLICY

A. Benefits are available on an inpatient or outpatient basis for services and supplies provided in connection with EEG video monitoring when provided by a TRICARE authorized provider and ordered by a physician for patients:

1. With seizures not able to be diagnosed through standard diagnostic techniques.
2. Whose seizures have remained uncontrolled despite a reasonable trial of appropriate antiepileptic drugs.
3. Who are known epileptics resistant to all attempts at medical management being considered for neurosurgical treatment.
4. With intractable seizures requiring evaluation of the effects of treatment.
5. With intractable seizures unable to provide by themselves, family or friends an accurate description of the seizure(s).

B. Inpatient claims for EEG video monitoring will be paid based on the reimbursement system in place for the hospital where the services are provided.

C. Outpatient claims for EEG video monitoring will be reimbursed following the procedures outlined in [Chapter 13, Section 1.2](#).

IV. EFFECTIVE DATE September 20, 1990.

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